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Memorandum for: Deputy Director (Support)

Subject: Guard Force in New Building

1. This memorandum is for information and action recommended in paragraph 6.

2. As you know, the DCI and yourself have considered the problem of the guard force in the new building and contemplated the recruitment of a CIA guard force of career men who might be of a higher caliber and who could be more immediately under our own control.

3. In the interim, I have carefully considered this problem and have conferred with senior officials of GSA reference to GSA guards. As a result, I would like to set forth the advantages and disadvantages of setting up our own guard force.

a. Advantages:

- (1) If recruitment carefully done, a higher type of guard personnel.
- (2) Better and immediate control of the guards.
- (3) All guards could be polygraphed, which up to now could not be done to employees of another agency.

b. Disadvantages:

- (1) This plan would add at least 100 persons to the T/O of the Agency, which is not consonant with DCI desire to keep the ceiling low.
- (2) There could be no depth to the guard force for emergencies as at present where GSA maintains a pool or reservoir of guards in government.

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(3) Recruitment of guards who would meet the educational and other standards of the CIA Career Service would be very difficult due to the competition in the manpower market. It would mean a higher wage scale than paid by GSA and attrition would be a serious problem. It would cost the Agency much more money.

4. My conversations with GSA indicate that in the new building, if they furnish the guards, they will permit polygraphing of them and within reason will give the Agency the "pick" of the present force. As at present, all guards will be fully investigated by us and can be transferred out at any time at our request. This meets some of the problems listed under 3a above.

5. In order to meet the necessity of closer package control and reasonable surveillance of premises throughout the day and particularly after hours, I would supplement the GSA guard force with a small security squad, in civilian clothes, who are identified as professional security officers and will monitor sensitive areas, personnel, visitors, and the movement and supervision of classified materials.

6. Recommendations:

I recommend that in the interest of a lower ceiling and for economy we retain a reduced GSA guard force in the new building, supplemented by a small career security force of 10 to 15 persons. On this basis, I believe we can maintain adequate physical security protection.

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Director of Security  
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To: Director of Security

28 March 1957

The above subject was discussed at the Deputies' Meeting on 27 March 1957 at which time the Director approved of using GSA guards in our new building if in the judgment of the Deputy Director (Support) and the Director of Security this was the wisest course to follow. We did not discuss that aspect of the recommendation contained in paragraph 6. above which would provide for a small security force of from ten to fifteen persons to supplement the GSA guard force.

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